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SEE, ZORAK-- THEY DON'T LOOK A THING LIKE ME!
YEAH. THEY'RE SO ...STIFF.
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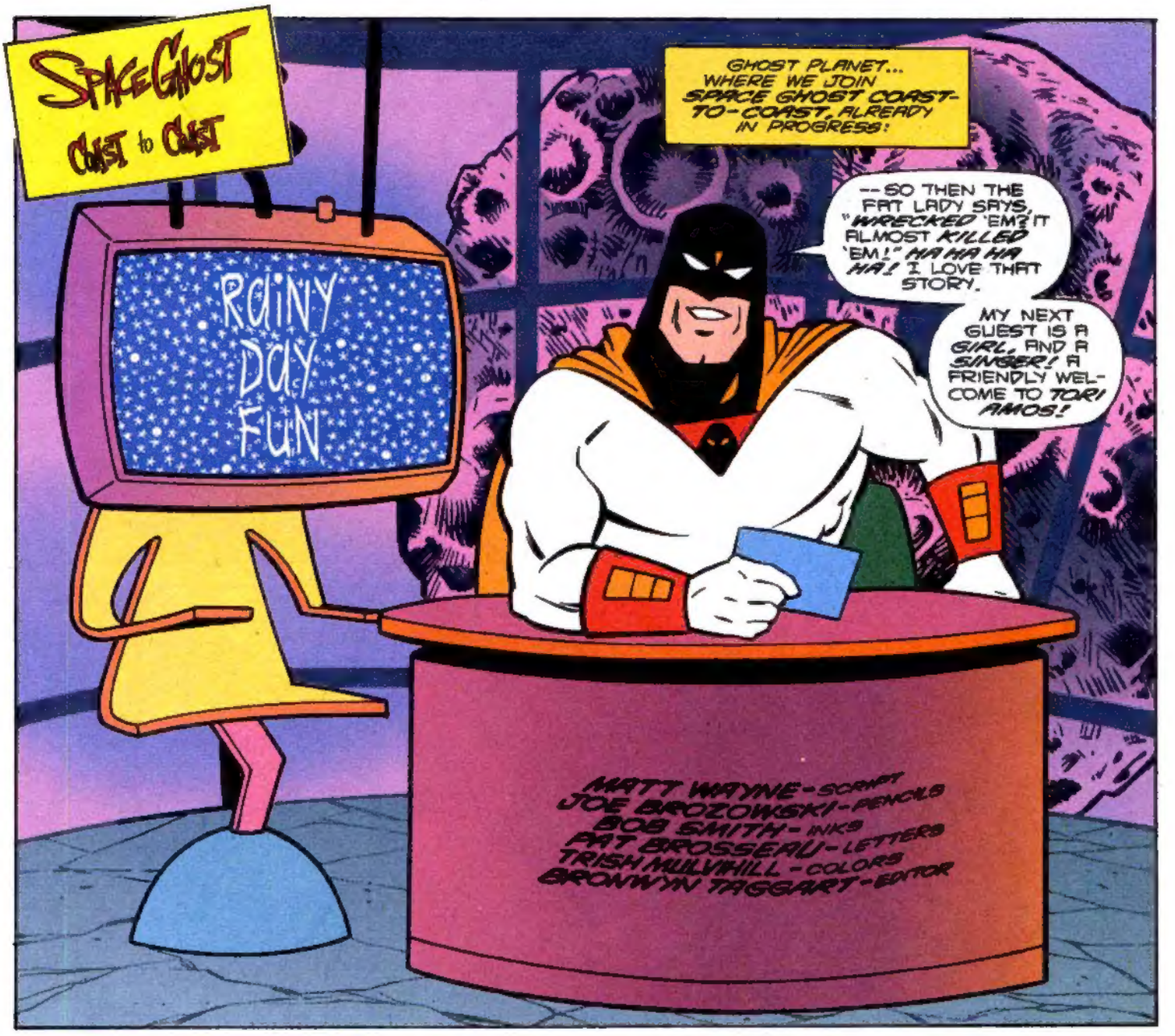
SPACE GHOST COAST to COAST
GHOST PLANET... WHERE WE JOIN SPACE GHOST COAST-TO-COAST, ALREADY IN PROGRESS!
-- SO THEN THE FAT LADY SAYS, "WRECKED 'EM? IT ALMOST KILLED 'EM!" HA HA HA HA! I LOVE THAT STORY.
MY NEXT GUEST IS A GIRL, AND A SINGER! A FRIENDLY WELCOME TO TORI AMOS!
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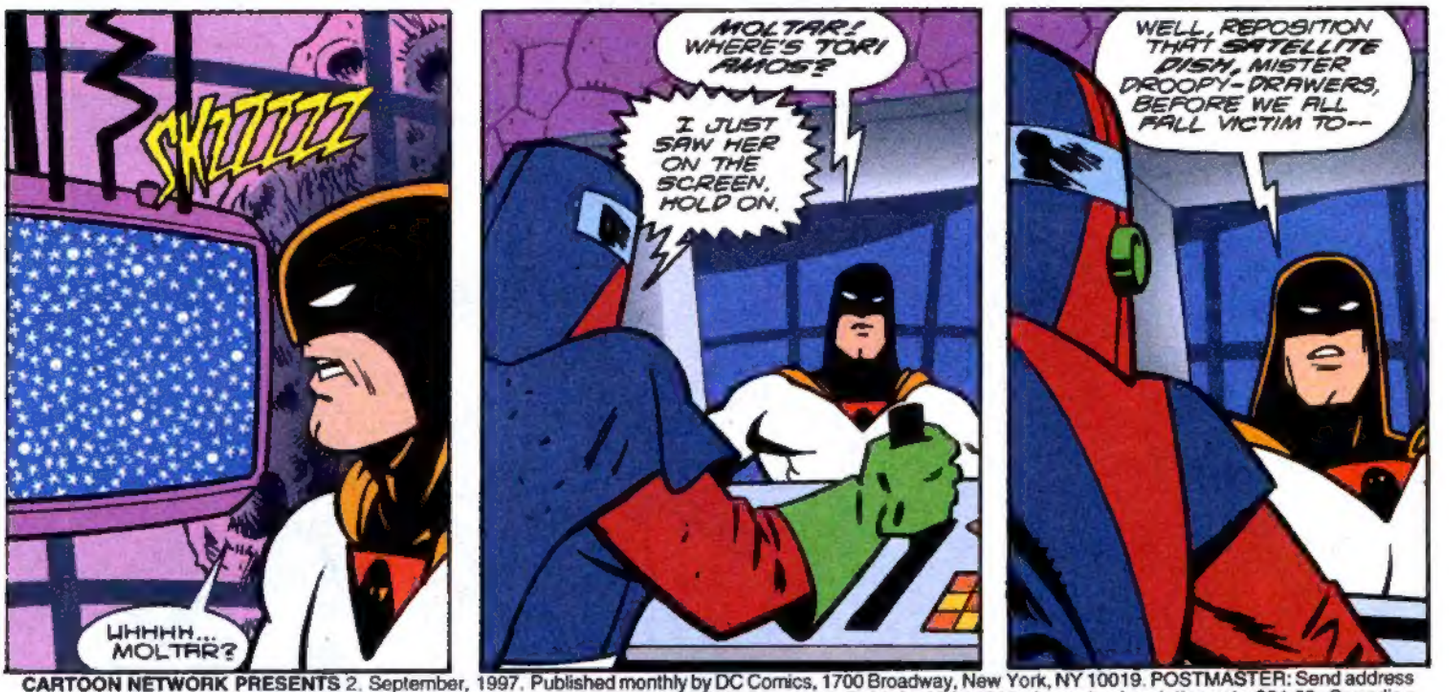
SKZZZZZ
UHHHH... MOLTAR?
MOLTAR! WHERE'S TORI AMOS?
I JUST SAW HER ON THE SCREEN. HOLD ON.
WELL, REPOSITION THAT SATELLITE DISH, MISTER DROOPY-DRAWERS, BEFORE WE ALL FALL VICTIM TO--

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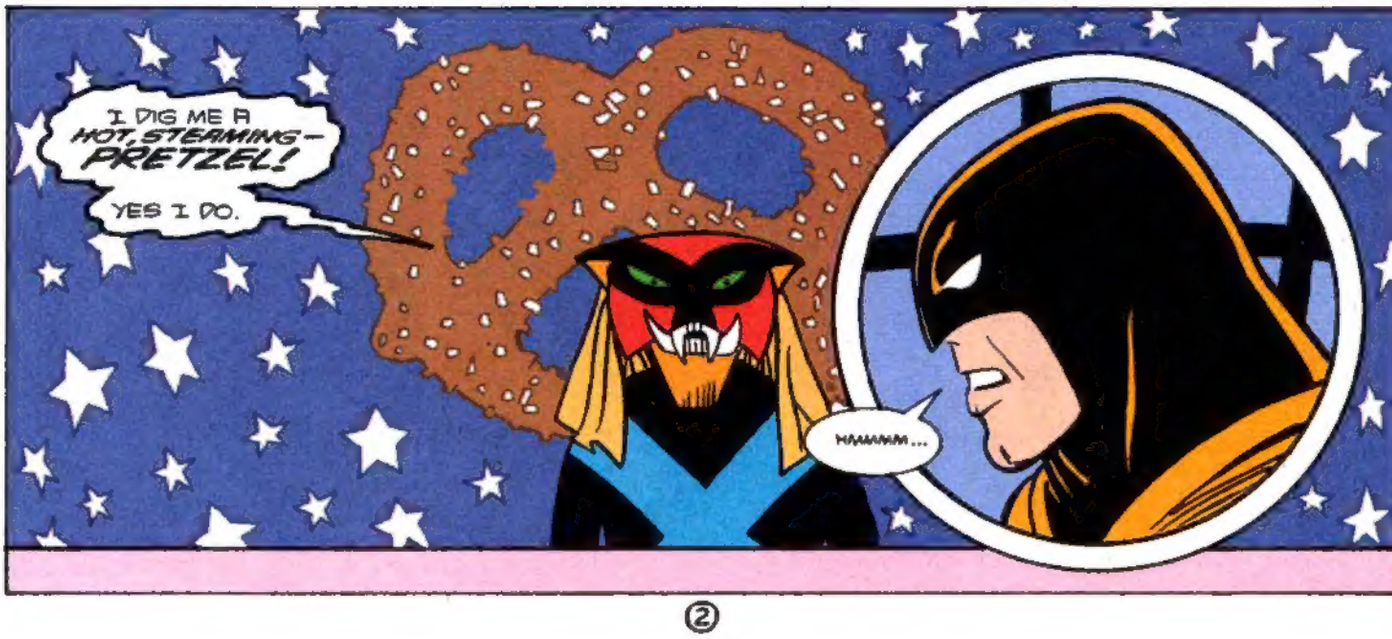
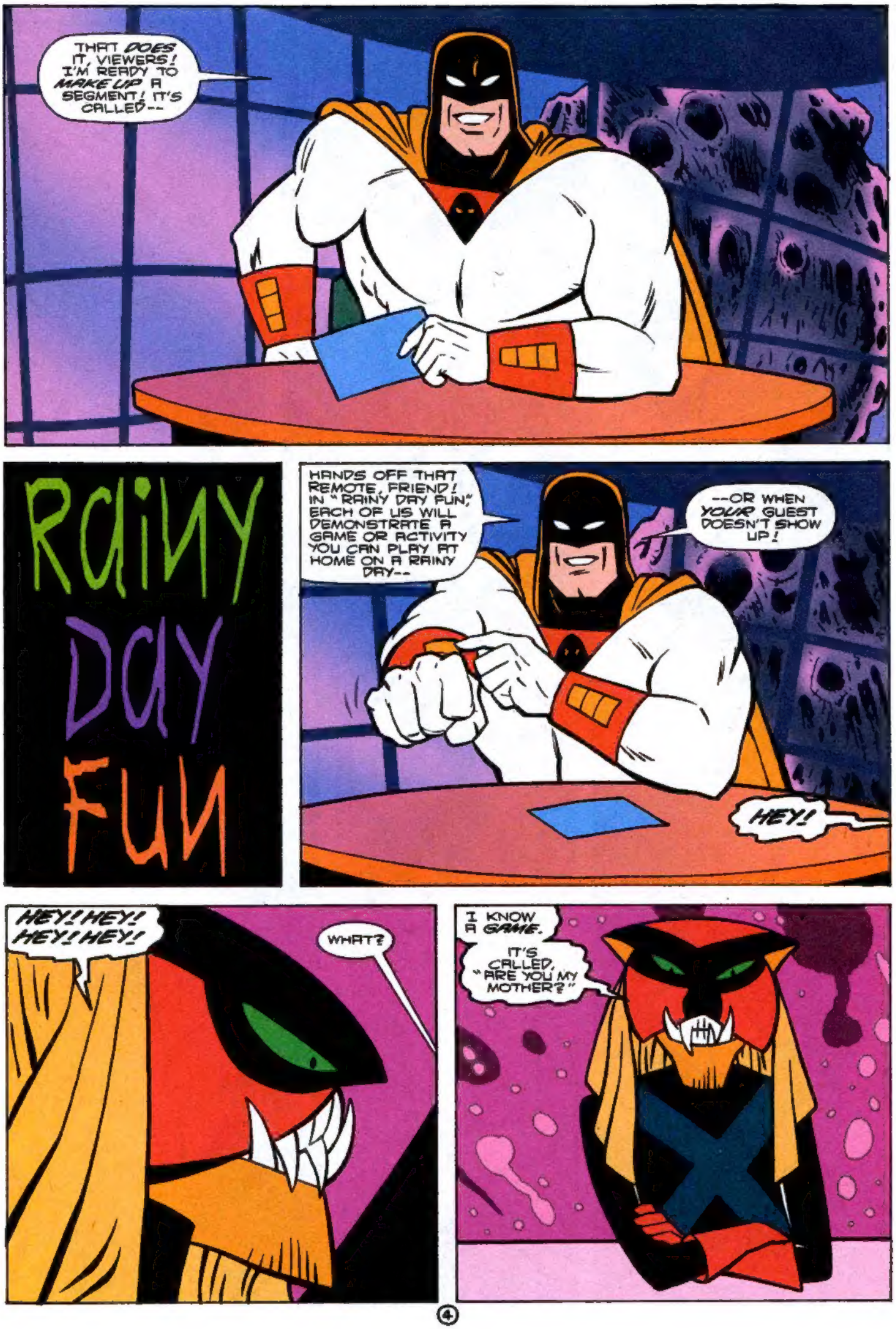
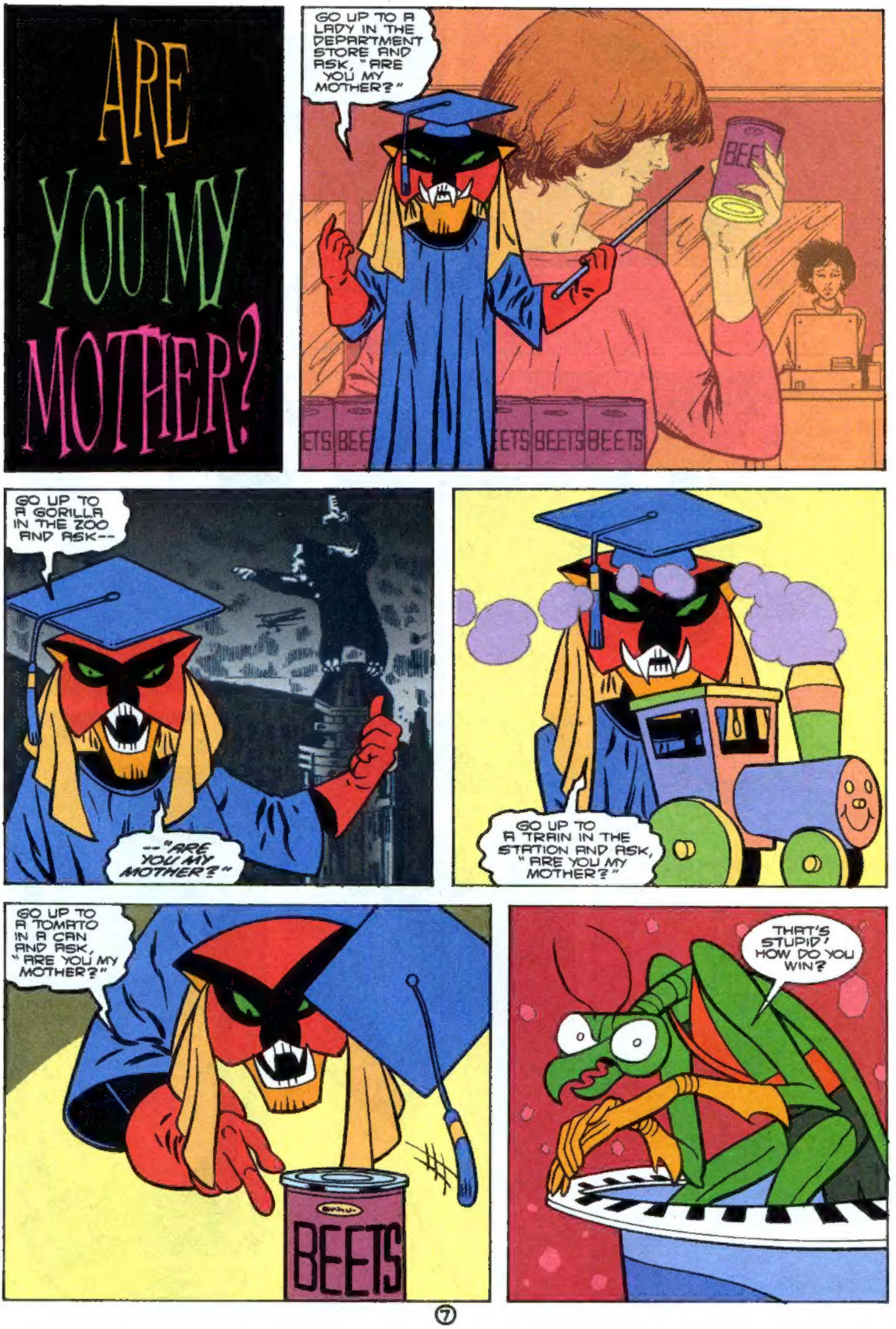
--DEAD AIR.
MY BANDLEADER, ZORAK.
WHAT?
NOTHING.
I'D LIKE TO SAY SOME-THING--
BRAK! SAY ANYTHING, BIG PELLA!

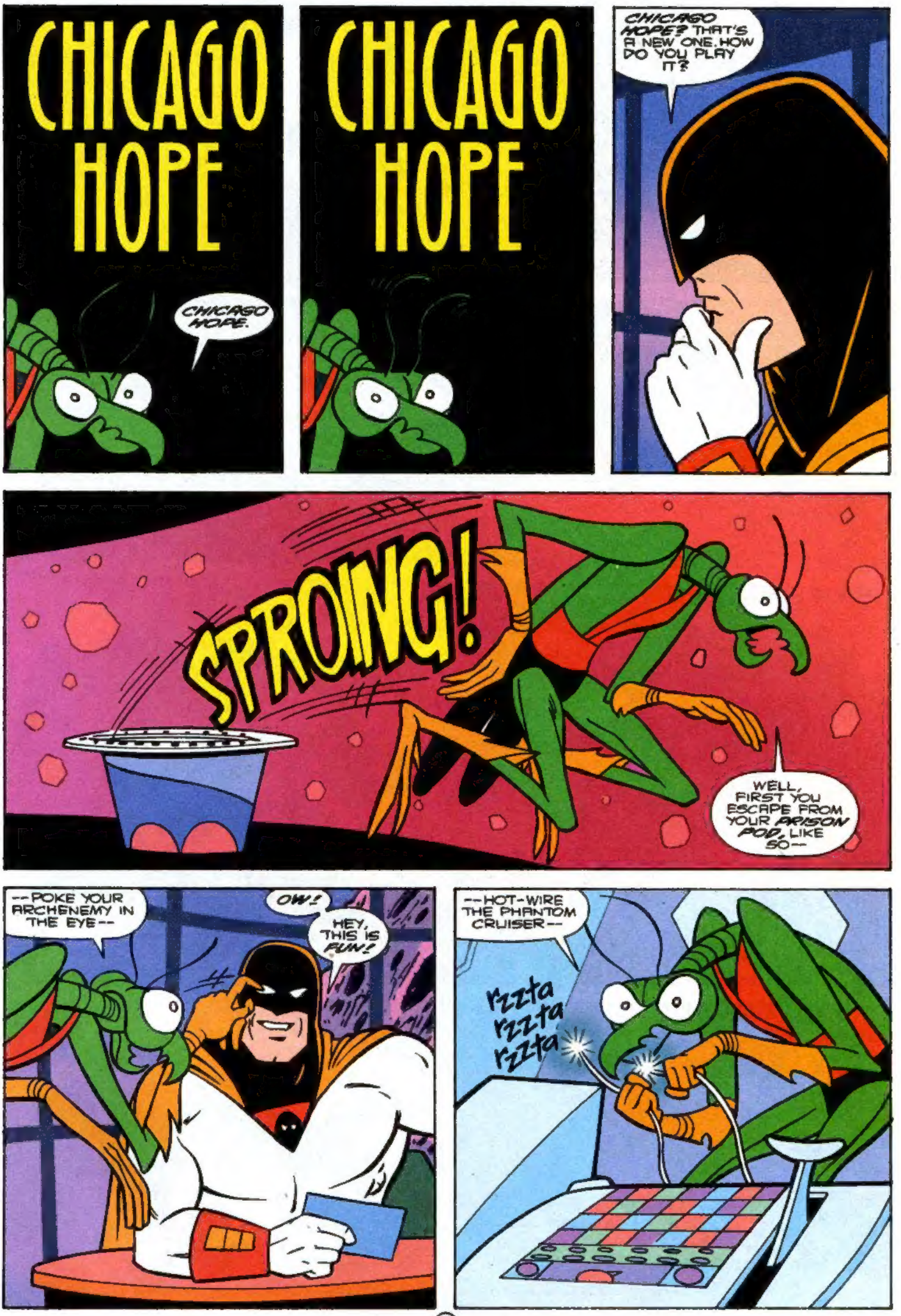

I DIG ME A HOT, STEAMING-PRETZEL!
YES I DO.
HMMMM...

MOLTAR! ANY POOP ON TORI AMOS?
UH... LOOKS LIKE I DIDN'T REALLY SEE HER.
IT WAS TORI SPELLING AND JOHN AMOS STANDING TOO CLOSE TOGETHER. NOTHING ELSE TO REPORT.
NO POOP ON TORI AMOS?
DARN! I WANTED SOME POOP.
SHE DITCHED YOU, MAN!
HEEHEE HEEHEEHEE HEE!
SHE DID NOT.
HUH?
EAT DESTRUCTO-RAY!
ZZZZ POOMP
NEXT TIME I IMPRISON A SUPERVILLAIN TO WORK ON MY SHOW, I'LL GET SOMEBODY GOOD.
SOMEBODY WHO CAN WARP FOR TIME.
KLACK


THAT DOES IT, VIEWERS! I'M READY TO MAKE UP A SEGMENT! IT'S CALLED--
Rainy Day Fun
HANDS OFF THAT REMOTE, FRIEND! IN "RAINY DAY FUN," EACH OF US WILL DEMONSTRATE A GAME OR ACTIVITY YOU CAN PLAY AT HOME ON A RAINY DAY--
--OR WHEN YOUR GUEST DOESN'T SHOW UP!
HEY!
HEY! HEY! HEY! HEY!
WHAT?
I KNOW A GAME.
IT'S CALLED, "ARE YOU MY MOTHER?"


ARE YOU MY MOTHER?
GO UP TO A LADY IN THE DEPARTMENT STORE AND ASK, "ARE YOU MY MOTHER?"
BEETS
GO UP TO A GORILLA IN THE ZOO AND ASK--
--"ARE YOU MY MOTHER?"
GO UP TO A TRAIN IN THE STATION AND ASK, "ARE YOU MY MOTHER?"
GO UP TO A TOMATO IN A CAN AND ASK, "ARE YOU MY MOTHER?"
BEETS
THAT'S STUPID! HOW DO YOU WIN?

IF ANYTHING SAYS, "YES, YES, I AM YOUR MOTHER!", THEN--
THEN--?!
THEN YOU GO HOME WITH MOMMY!
SHE MAKES YOU CORN-BEEF.
OR MANHATTAN CLAM CHOWDER.
IS THAT YOUR GAME, ZORAK? MANHATTAN CLAM CHOWDER?
NO, THAT'S SOUP.
IDIOT.
WHAT IS YOUR GAME?
TELL US!


CHICAGO HOPE
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CHICAGO HOPE?
THAT'S A NEW ONE. HOW DO YOU PLAY IT?
SPROING!
WELL, FIRST YOU ESCAPE FROM YOUR PRISON POD, LIKE SO--
--POKE YOUR ARCHENEMY IN THE EYE--
OW!
HEY, THIS IS FUN!
--HOT-WIRE THE PHANTOM CRUISER--
rzzta
rzzta
rzzta

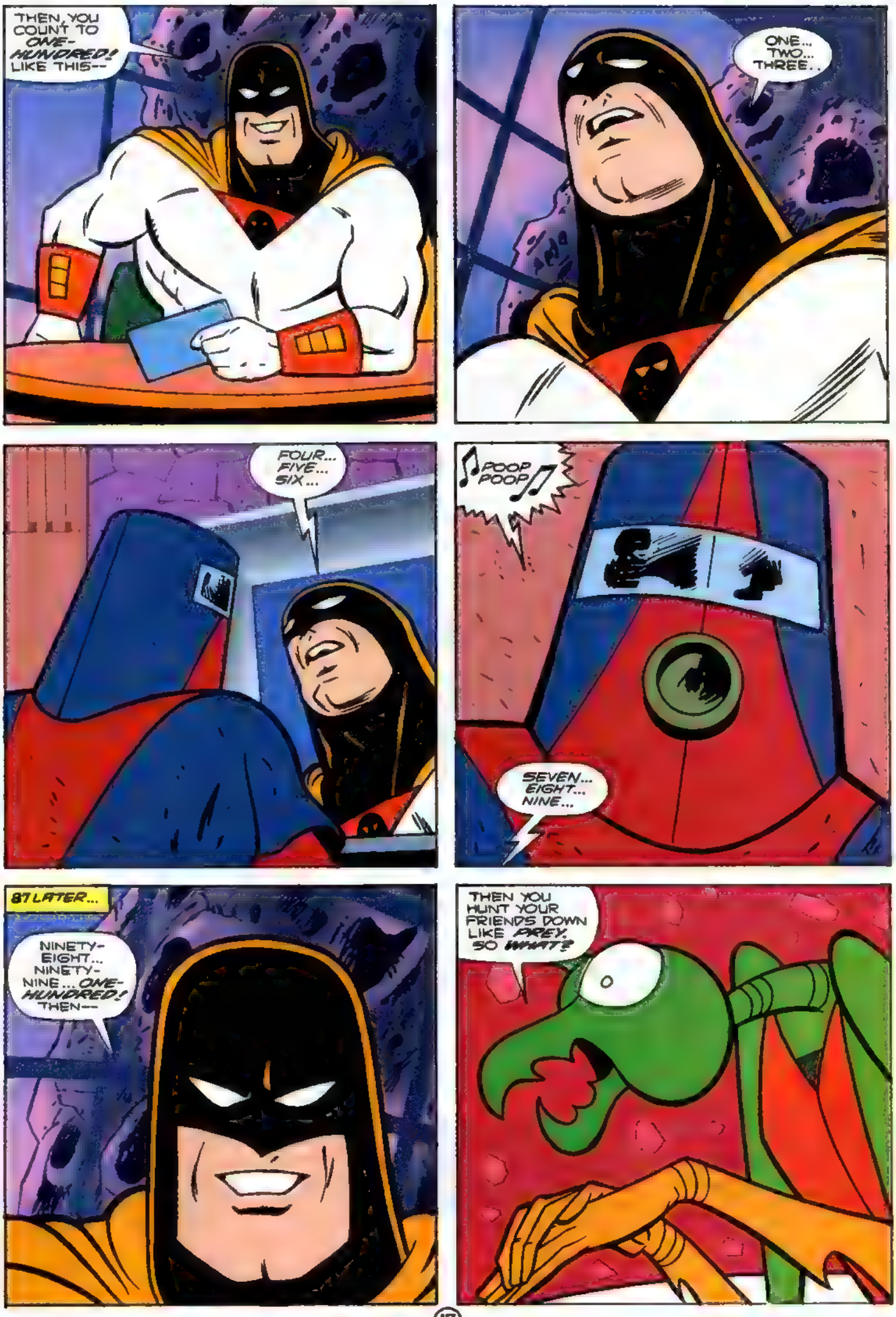
--TAKE OFF THUSLY--
VROOOM
--FLY TO CHICAGO--
VRRROOOMMM
--AND HOPE THAT SPACE GHOST CAN'T FIND YOU!
UH-HUH.
WAAA!

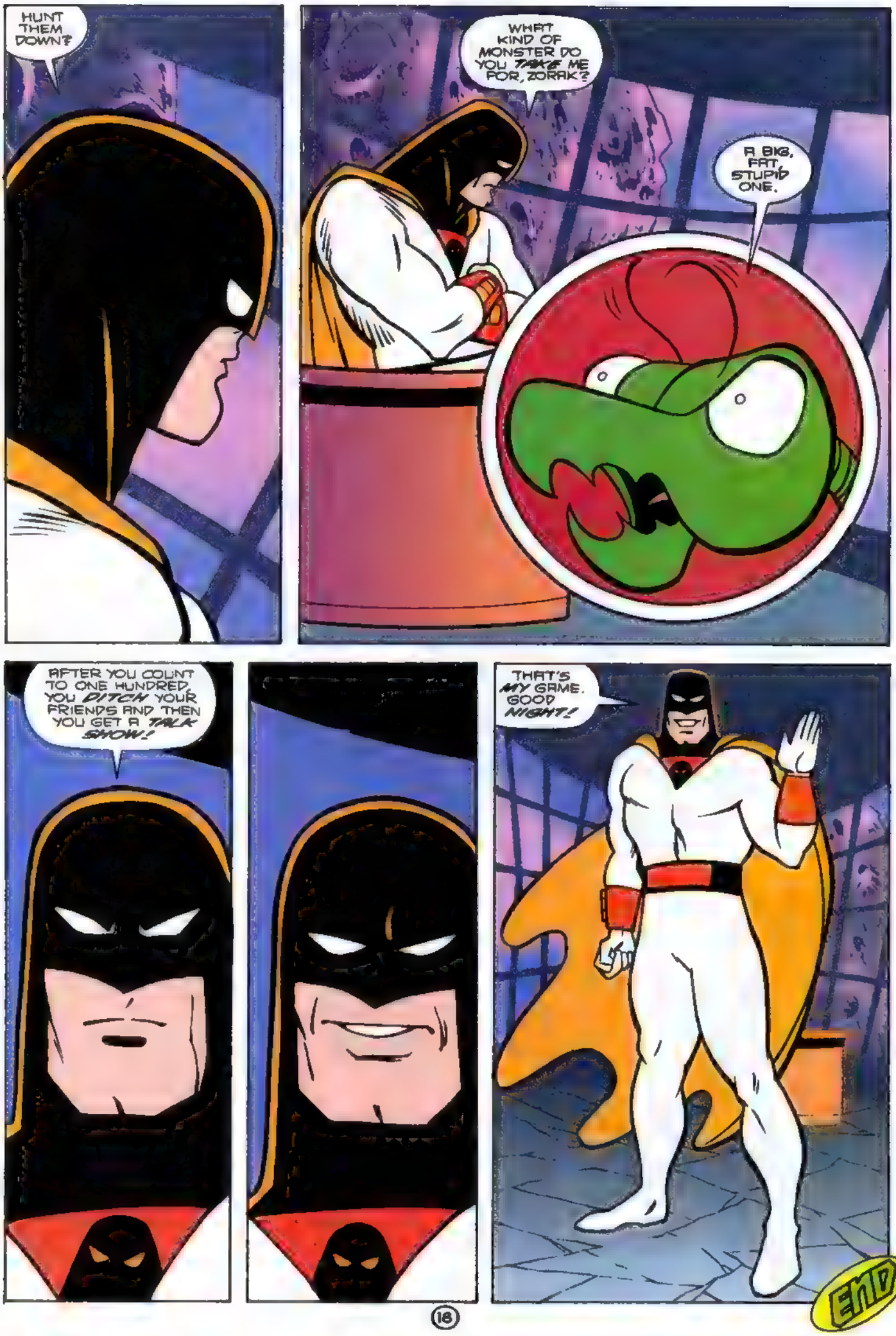
LATER, BACK ON GHOST PLANET...
DRAG-GONE IT!
NYA-HEE-HEE-HEE!
HOO! HOO! HOO!
YEAH, BUDDY!
WHAT'S SO FUNNY, JERKFACE? ARE YOU LAUGHING AT MY COMEUP-PANCE?
NO! I STEPPED IN CORNBEEF!
IT'S FUNNY 'CAUSE WHAT WAS IT DOING ON THE FLOOR?
IT'S CORNBEEF! NYAHEEHEE!
OH, SHUT UP!
WHOO!
MOLTAR, YOU'RE UP NEXT! WHAT'S YOUR GAME?
I CALL IT--

STOMP & SNIFF
FIRST, YOU GET SOME OLD MILK CARTONS--
MILK
MILK
MILK
--THE OLDER THE BETTER! MAKE A LITTLE TOY CITY OUT OF THEM. THEN--
--GIVE 'EM A STOMP!
CLOMP
FOOOFF
SNIFF THE SMELL YOU JUST MADE.
SNIFF
THAT'S THE WHOLE POINT, THE SMELL.
THE LITTLE CITY'S JUST FOR PRES-ENTATION, REALLY....
HELLO?

HELLO, IS ANYBODY THERE? IT'S TORI AMOS.
MEANWHILE, OUTSIDE THE CONTROL ROOM...
SAY, THAT'S A HECK OF A WORD, ISN'T IT?
POOP.
POOP.
POOP.
POOP. YOU KNOW, LIKE--
--INFORMATION.
POOP-OOP-A-DOOP!
WHO SAID THAT?

I JUST FOUND TORI. ALANIS MORRISETTE WAS JAMMING HER SIGNAL, BUT EVERYTHING'S OKAY NOW.
WELL, TOUGH LUCK FOR TORI. HERE'S A LITTLE GAME CALLED--
--"HIDE-AND-SEEK THE TEEN SIDEKICKS!"
HIDE and SEEK THE TEEN SIDEKICKS
"FIRST, YOU TELL JAN AND JASE TO GO HIDE SOMEWHERE!"
"THEN YOU TURN INVISIBLE--"
FZZMT


THEN, YOU COUNT TO ONE-HUNDRED! LIKE THIS--
ONE... TWO... THREE..
FOUR... FIVE... SIX...
POOP POOP
SEVEN... EIGHT... NINE...
87 LATER...
NINETY-EIGHT... NINETY-NINE... ONE-HUNDRED! THEN--
THEN YOU HUNT YOUR FRIENDS DOWN LIKE PREY. SO WHAT?


HUNT THEM DOWN?
WHAT KIND OF MONSTER DO YOU TAKE ME FOR, ZORAK?
A BIG, FAT, STUPID ONE.
AFTER YOU COUNT TO ONE HUNDRED, YOU DITCH YOUR FRIENDS AND THEN YOU GET A TALK SHOW!
THAT'S MY GAME. GOOD NIGHT!
END

YOGI BEAR
IN "HERMIT HELPER"
HEY, YOU GUYS! YOU KNOW THE RULES! GET BACK HERE WITH THAT BASKET!
I TOLD YOU THE RANGER WOULD GET MAD, YOGI!
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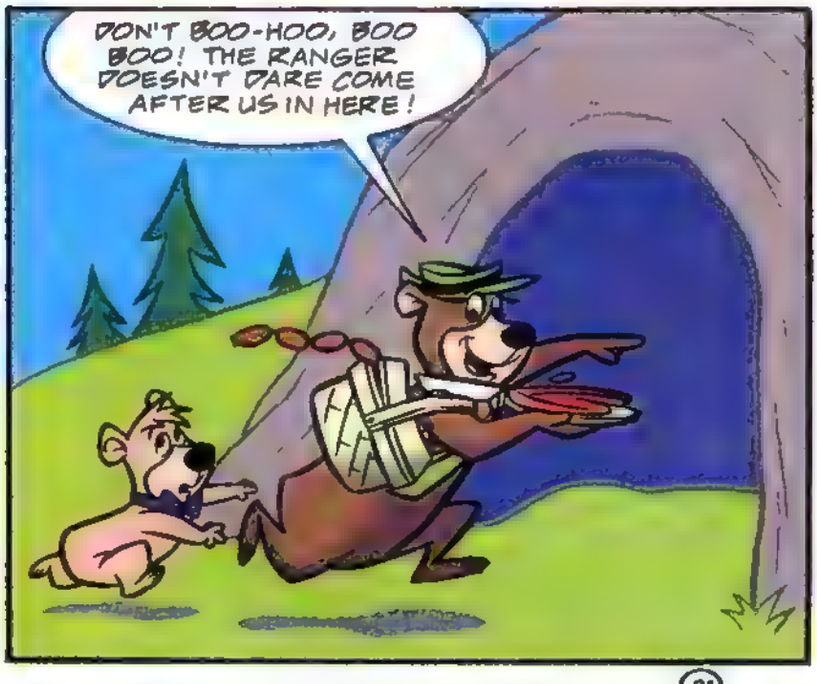
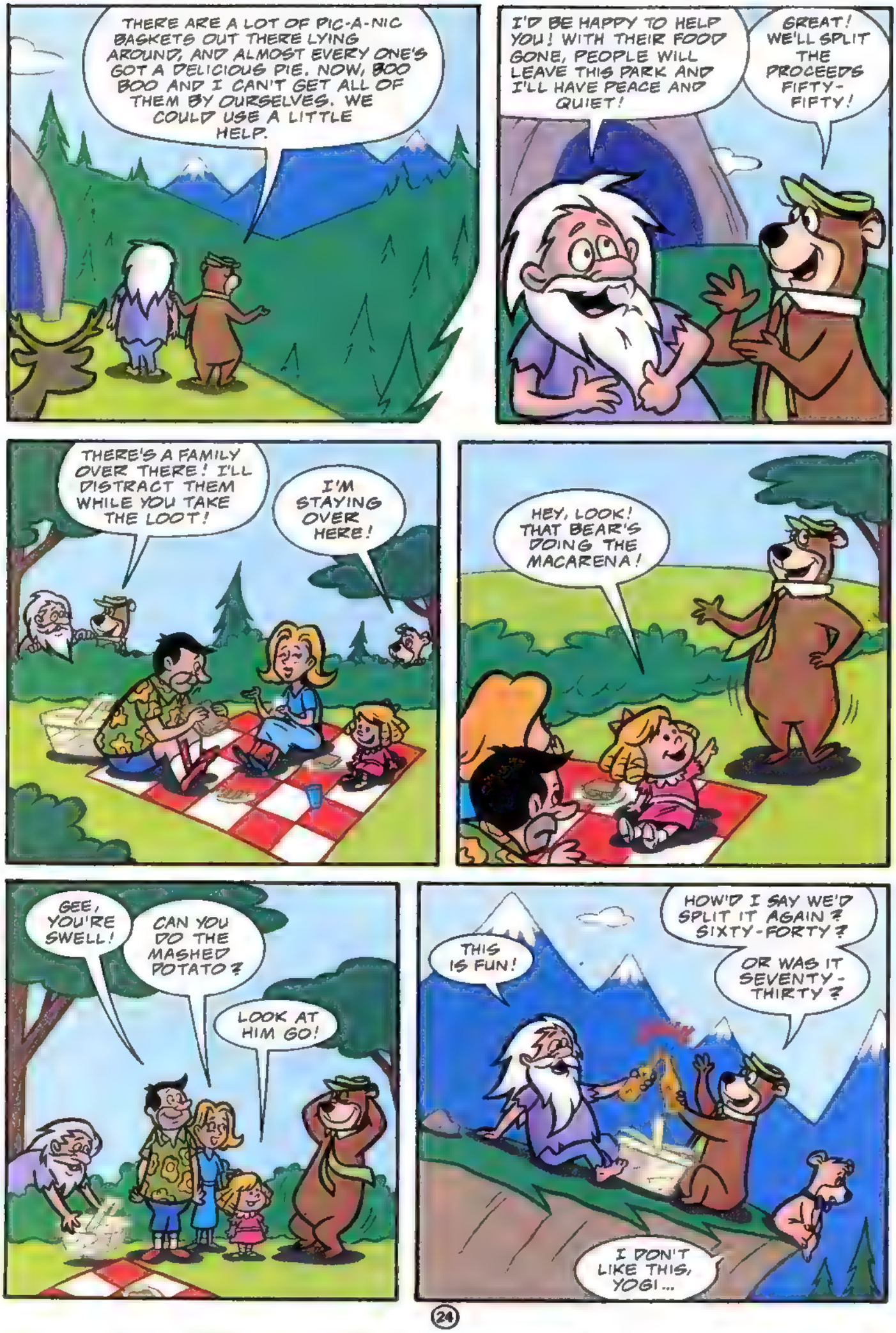
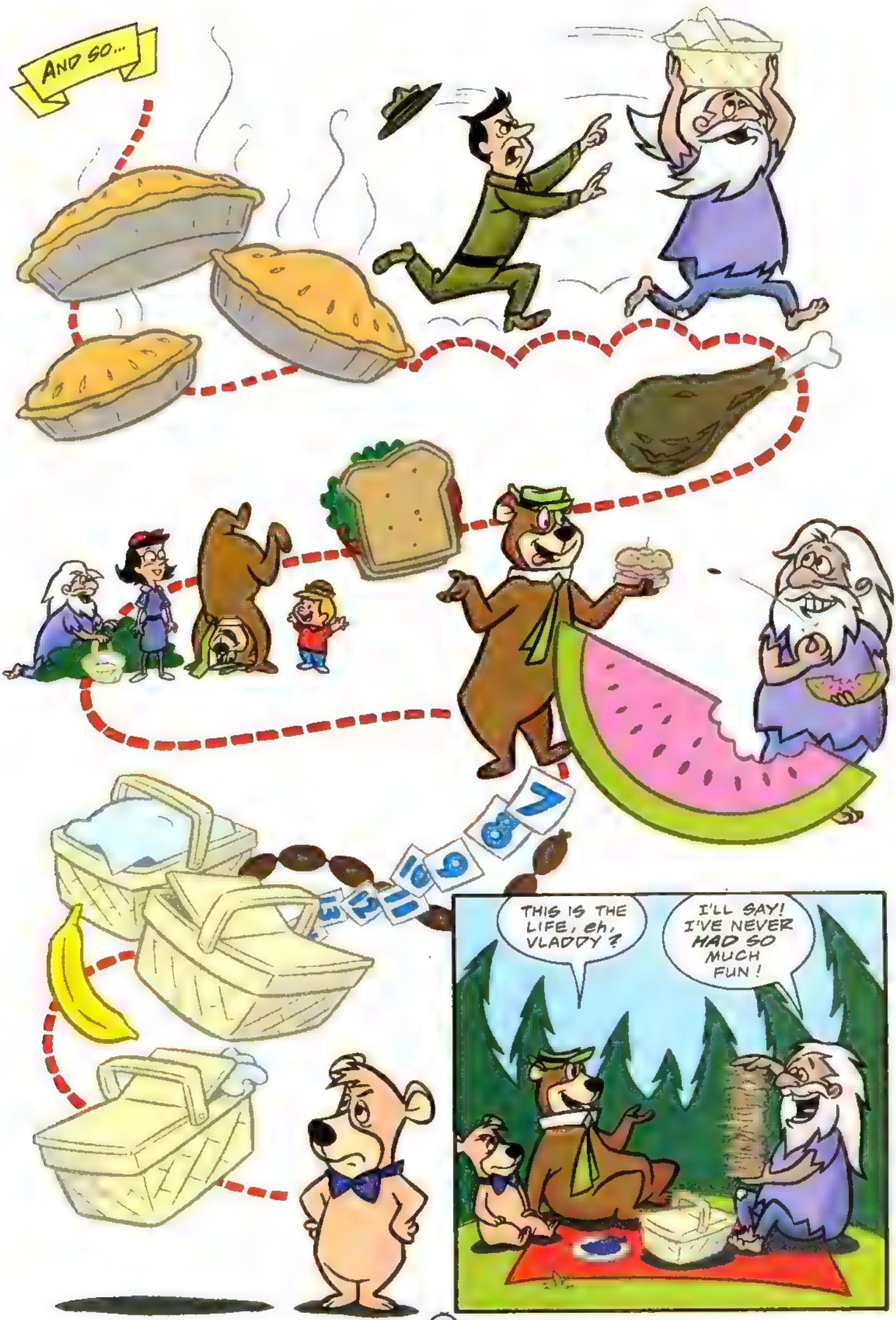

DON'T BOO-HOO, BOO BOO! THE RANGER DOESN'T DARE COME AFTER US IN HERE!

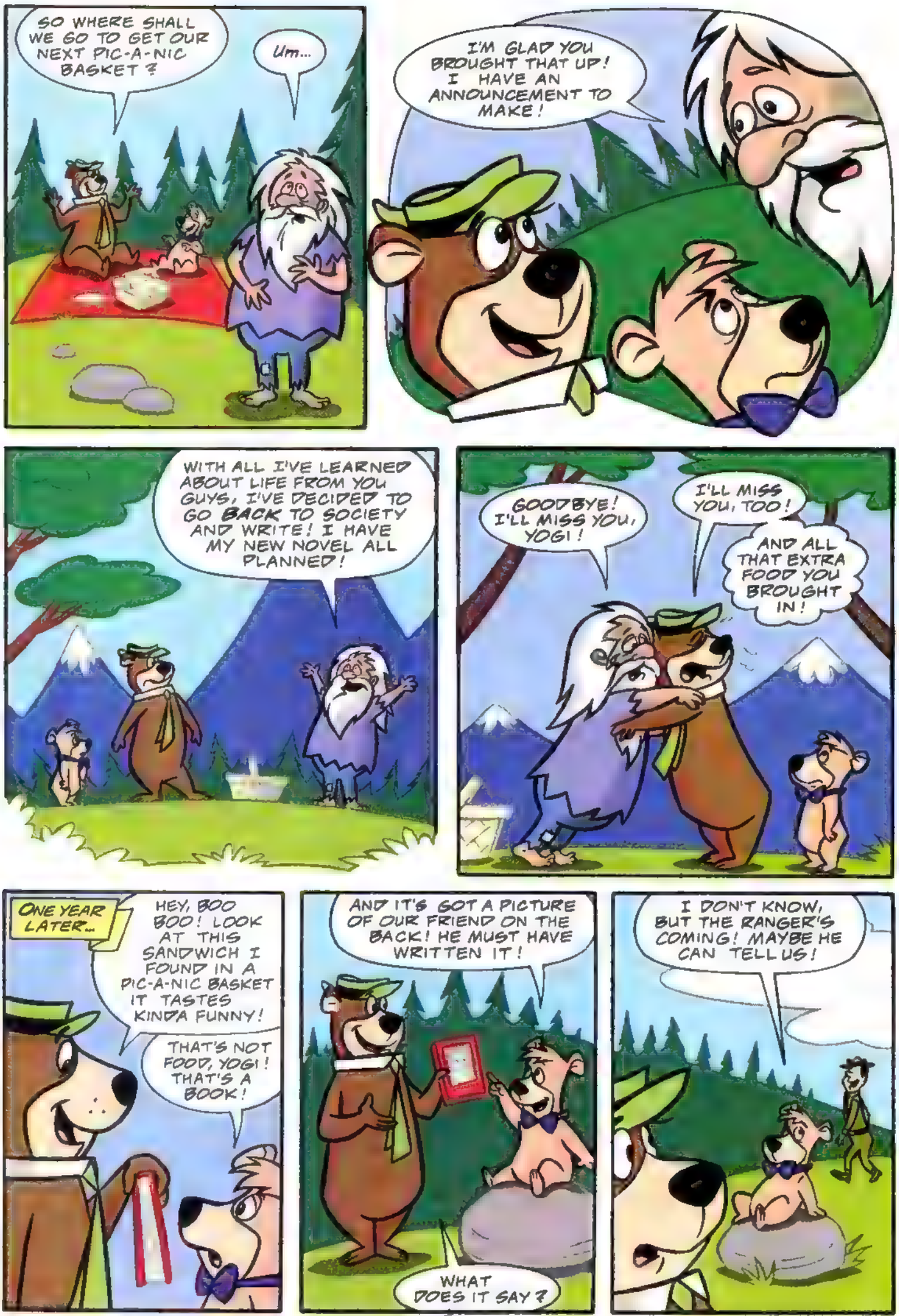
IT'S AWFUL DARK IN THIS CAVE. I DON'T LIKE THIS, YOGI!
RELAX! YOU DON'T NEED TO SEE WHAT YOU'RE EATING TO TASTE IT!

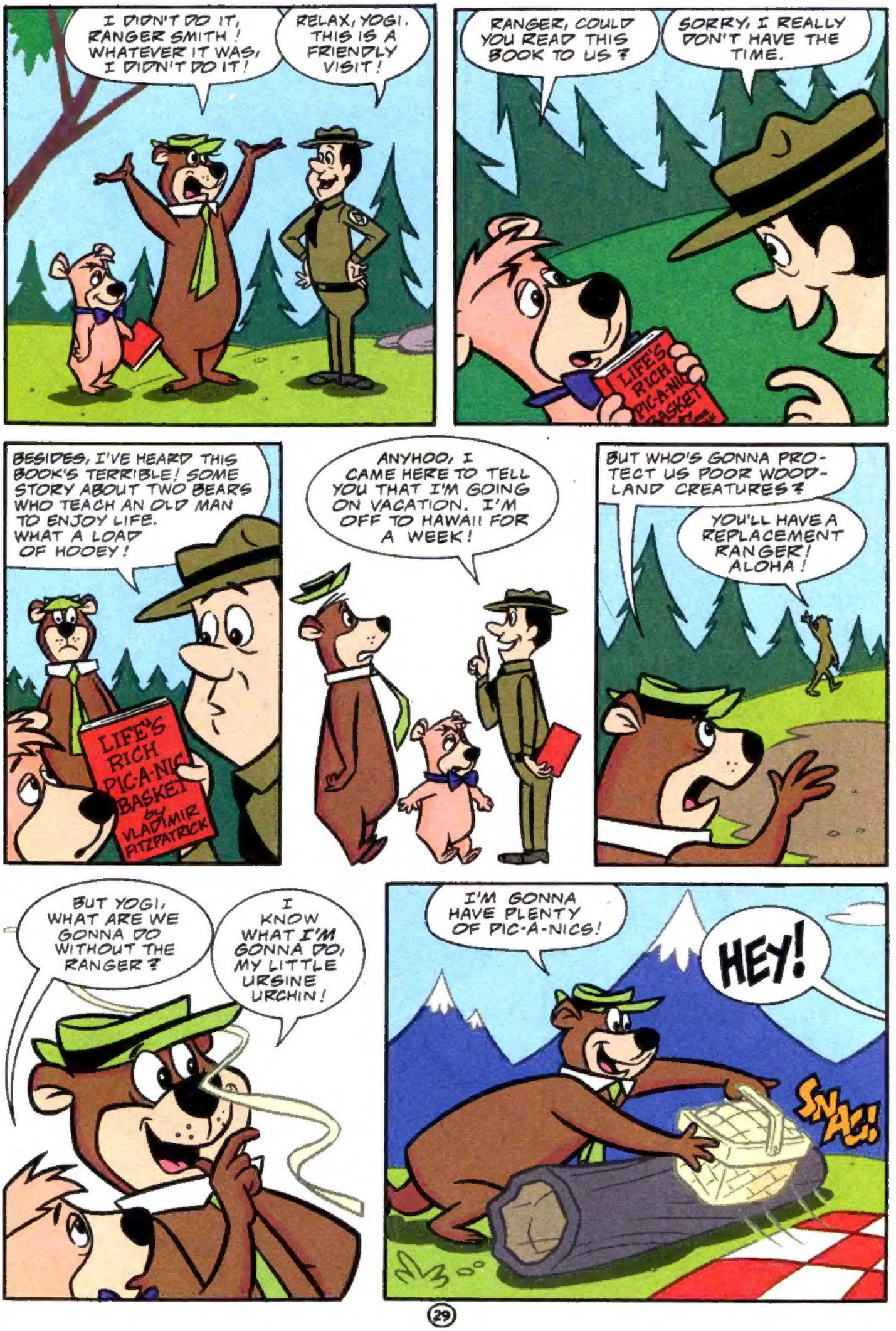
OH BOY! GRAPES!
OW, YOGI! THAT'S MY NOSE!
WILL YOU TWO CUT OUT THE CHATTER? I MUST HAVE QUIET!
SAY, I DON'T THINK I'VE SEEN YOU AROUND THESE PARTS, STRANGER!
I HAPPEN TO BE WORLD-FAMOUS AUTHOR VLADIMIR FITZPATRICK. AND WHO ARE YOU?
NO-BODY, THAT'S WHO!
WHAT'S A WORLD-FAMOUS TYPE LIKE YOU DOING IN HERE?
LET'S GO, YOGI! THIS GUY'S SCARING ME!
IF YOU MUST KNOW, I HAVE COME HERE TO GET AWAY FROM CIVILIZATION!
A GENIUS LIKE ME MUST HAVE NO DISTRACTIONS WHILE WRITING HIS MASTERPIECE!

OUT THERE, THERE'S TOO MUCH NOISE! ALL THOSE PEOPLE WITH THEIR CARS AND RADIOS, AND MACHINES WITH THEIR BANGING AND THEIR CLANGING!
ZOOOM
RAT TAT TAT
TAT TAT TA
EVERYWHERE IS NOISE NOISE NOISE! I JUST WANNA--
HEY, IS THAT KEY LIME PIE?
IT SURE IS, MY FRIEND!
COULD I HAVE JUST ONE BITE?
I DON'T SEE WHY NOT!
Mmm... I LOVE PIE! THE ONLY THINGS I GET TO EAT IN HERE ARE NUTS AND BERRIES.
AW, THAT STUFF'S FOR ANIMALS.
SAY, I'VE GOT A BUSINESS PROPOSITION FOR YOU. COME OUTSIDE.
CHOMP
Uh-oh, I SEE TROUBLE COMING.


THERE ARE A LOT OF PIC-A-NIC BASKETS OUT THERE LYING AROUND, AND ALMOST EVERY ONE'S GOT A DELICIOUS PIE. NOW, BOO BOO AND I CAN'T GET ALL OF THEM BY OURSELVES. WE COULD USE A LITTLE HELP.
I'D BE HAPPY TO HELP YOU! WITH THEIR FOOD GONE, PEOPLE WILL LEAVE THIS PARK AND I'LL HAVE PEACE AND QUIET!
GREAT! WE'LL SPLIT THE PROCEEDS FIFTY-FIFTY!
THERE'S A FAMILY OVER THERE! I'LL DISTRACT THEM WHILE YOU TAKE THE LOOT!
I'M STAYING OVER HERE!
HEY, LOOK! THAT BEAR'S DOING THE MACARENA!
GEE, YOU'RE SWELL!
CAN YOU DO THE MASHED POTATO?
LOOK AT HIM GO!
THIS IS FUN!
HOW'D I SAY WE'D SPLIT IT AGAIN? SIXTY-FORTY?
OR WAS IT SEVENTY-THIRTY?
I DON'T LIKE THIS, YOGI...


AND SO...
THIS IS THE LIFE, eh, VLADDY?
I'LL SAY! I'VE NEVER HAD SO MUCH FUN!


SO WHERE SHALL WE GO TO GET OUR NEXT PIC-A-NIC BASKET ?
Um...
I'M GLAD YOU BROUGHT THAT UP! I HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT TO MAKE!
WITH ALL I'VE LEARNED ABOUT LIFE FROM YOU GUYS, I'VE DECIDED TO GO BACK TO SOCIETY AND WRITE! I HAVE MY NEW NOVEL ALL PLANNED!
GOODBYE! I'LL MISS YOU, YOGI!
I'LL MISS YOU, TOO!
AND ALL THAT EXTRA FOOD YOU BROUGHT IN!
ONE YEAR LATER...
HEY, BOO BOO! LOOK AT THIS SANDWICH I FOUND IN A PIC-A-NIC BASKET IT TASTES KINDA FUNNY!
THAT'S NOT FOOD, YOGI! THAT'S A BOOK!
AND IT'S GOT A PICTURE OF OUR FRIEND ON THE BACK! HE MUST HAVE WRITTEN IT!
WHAT DOES IT SAY?
I DON'T KNOW, BUT THE RANGER'S COMING! MAYBE HE CAN TELL US!


I DIDN'T DO IT, RANGER SMITH! WHATEVER IT WAS, I DIDN'T DO IT!
RELAX, YOGI. THIS IS A FRIENDLY VISIT!
RANGER, COULD YOU READ THIS BOOK TO US?
SORRY, I REALLY DON'T HAVE THE TIME.
LIFE'S RICH PIC-A-NIC BASKET
BESIDES, I'VE HEARD THIS BOOK'S TERRIBLE! SOME STORY ABOUT TWO BEARS WHO TEACH AN OLD MAN TO ENJOY LIFE. WHAT A LOAD OF HOOEY!
LIFE'S RICH PIC-A-NIC BASKET BY VLADIMIR FITZPATRICK
ANYHOO, I CAME HERE TO TELL YOU THAT I'M GOING ON VACATION. I'M OFF TO HAWAII FOR A WEEK!
BUT WHO'S GONNA PROTECT US POOR WOODLAND CREATURES?
YOU'LL HAVE A REPLACEMENT RANGER! ALOHA!
BUT YOGI, WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO WITHOUT THE RANGER?
I KNOW WHAT I'M GONNA DO, MY LITTLE URSINE URCHIN!
I'M GONNA HAVE PLENTY OF PIC-A-NICS!
HEY!
SNAG!

VLADIMIR! WOW! WE THOUGHT WE'D NEVER SEE YOU AGAIN!
LOOK, BOO BOO! IT'S OUR OLD FRIEND! HE'S THE NEW RANGER! NOW WE CAN DO WHATEVER WE WANT!
YOU WANT SOME, OLD PAL?
I THINK NOT.
MY NOVEL WAS A COMPLETE FAILURE! CRITICS HATED IT, NOBODY BOUGHT IT, AND IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT!
I HAD TO GIVE UP WRITING AND BECOME A PARK RANGER!
SO LONG AS I'M THE LAUGHING STOCK OF THE LITERARY WORLD, I'LL SEE TO IT THAT YOU HAVE NO FUN AT ALL!
WELL, I'D LOVE TO CHAT, BUT WE GOTTA GO.
C'MON, BOO BOO, LET'S SKEDADDLE!
LOOK AT THE BRIGHT SIDE, YOGI! AT LEAST WE'LL GET PLENTY OF EXERCISE!
GRRR!
END

Hermits

What is a hermit?

A hermit is a person who lives alone and tries to stay away from other people as much as possible. Sometimes people who just want a simple life become hermits; they move to some place far away from other people because they're looking for peace and quiet. In the Yogi Bear story in this issue, Vladimir moves to the woods because the city is too noisy for him.

Not everyone who lives alone is a hermit. People can live by themselves in a town or city and still have lots of friends at work or school. And *anyone* may want to be alone to think quietly once in a while, but that doesn't make them a hermit. **A *real* hermit is someone who's chosen** to give up his or her normal life and live a special way **all the time.**

Many people who become hermits do so for religious reasons. They feel that all the comforts and pleasures of normal life distract them from concentrating on God. They give up their families, homes, and friends to live by themselves. Often a religious hermit will promise not to talk to other people, not to eat very much, and to spend a lot of time praying and meditating. **There have been religious hermits in the Christian, Islamic, Buddhist, Hindu, and Taoist religions.**

Because hermits try to stay away from other people, they may wind up living in deserts or far out in the woods. And because they try to live simply, hermits usually don't live in a regular house. Instead, a hermit may live in a very primitive shelter, like a cave. (That's why Vladimir was in a cave when Yogi and Boo Boo first met him.)

In some religions a number of hermits will live in small rooms or cells in the same building, called a **hermitage.** Even though the hermits are living close to each other, they don't have much contact with each other and they follow very strict rules about how to live, **so they're still real hermits.**

Hermits usually don't meet or talk to visitors, but sometimes a person will go to see a hermit for advice. (Some people think hermits must be very wise, or even holy.) But when too many people come looking for a hermit, they may drive the hermit even further away.

One famous hermit who **really** wanted to get away from other people was a Syrian Christian named **Simeon Stylites.** Simeon entered a monastery when he was just 13 years old. Later, around the year A.D. 420, he moved to the desert near Antioch and became so famous as a holy man that **big crowds** of people came all the way out into the desert just to see him. Simeon figured out a very original way to escape from all these visitors and to continue living his hermit lifestyle — **he crawled up on top of a tall stone column and lived there for 37 years!** People still came out to *look* at him, but at least he didn't have to **talk** to anybody.

WHAT'S UP?

By BRONWYN T.

LETTERS

TOONIN' IN TO CARTOON NETWORK PRESENTS

This is our *second* issue of **Cartoon Network Presents**, but it's the FIRST with a letters column. We work so hard writing and drawing and coloring the rest of the comic that we'd like for YOU to write this page. Send us your letters, your drawings, and any questions you have about this comic or your favorite Cartoon Network characters, and we'll print your stuff here. (Look near the bottom of this page for our address.)

Because this is our first letters column, guess what? We don't have any letters yet. So instead of letters, here are some TRUE FACTS about Yogi Bear, the hero of this month's backup story, plus one BONUS TRIVIA TIDBIT about the cast of Space Ghost Coast-to-Coast.

1. How big is Yogi Bear? According to our sources (Thanks, Ranger Smith!), Yogi is seven feet tall and weighs about *one thousand pounds!* No wonder he's always ripping off pic-a-nic baskets!

2. Are Yogi and Boo Boo brothers, or what? No, Yogi and Boo Boo are just close friends and roommates. (Not that there's anything wrong with that.) Yogi has a girlfriend named Cindy Bear; Boo Boo is not currently dating anyone.

3. How smart is Yogi? Well, word on the street is that he's "smarter than the average bear," but what does that mean? The average bear shuffles around on all fours eating berries and sleeping in a cave. At least Yogi wears a hat.

4. What color is Yogi's hat? Green. Yogi has impeccable taste—for a bear.

5. When did Yogi first appear on television? Yogi started in television in 1959 as a regular on *The Huckleberry Hound Show.*

6. How long did it take Yogi to get his own show and completely eclipse Huckleberry Hound in popularity? Only about two years. Yogi's show started in 1961. Then, in 1964, Yogi starred in his own theatrical feature film called *Hey There, It's Yogi Bear.* (Huck likes to point out that it was Yogi's *only* feature film, but that's just sour grapes.)

And now for our BONUS TRIVIA TIDBIT:

Did you know that back before Space Ghost got his own talk show, when he was still a superhero, his greatest enemies were—*Zorak, Brak,* and *Moltar*? It's true! They were all supervillains at one time—and now they're working for Space Ghost. Even *Brak* was the scourge of galaxies, or something—before he found out he could sing.

If you have questions for the writers and artists of CARTOON NETWORK PRESENTS or just want to tell us what you liked (or what you *didn't* like) about the first two issues, write to us here at:

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COMING NEXT MONTH IN CARTOON NETWORK PRESENTS

Your letter, if you write it. *Plus,* a whole issue of classic characters! Mr. Twiddle leads a support group for all the cartoon authority figures—Officer Dibble, Mr. Peebles, Ranger Smith, and Colonel Fusby—as they discuss ways to deal with their animal wards.

And don't forget - we have two *other* Cartoon Network comics, with two great stories in each issue! In next month's *Scooby-Doo,* the Mystery, Inc. gang attend a nice Jewish wedding but face a ghastly party-crasher—Naamah, Queen of the Demons! And in *The Flintstones and the Jetsons,* George faces something more horrible than any demon queen—Mr. Spacely in a diaper! How could it happen? Look for the answers in Cartoon Network comics on sale in August!

COVER: Pencilled and inked by our old friend, George Pratt. Colored by our new friend, Kevin Somers.

BOY, DID WE MESS UP: Bernie Mireault did the great coloring job on the Dexter's Laboratory story in last month's *Cartoon Network Presents,* and we forgot to put his name in the credits!

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